

packages include major bridges across Bhutahi Balan River and Kamala River, are targeted for completion by December, 2008.

(d) The four/six laning work of Muzaffarpur-Purnea Section of NH-57 (except Kosi Bridge) is targeted to be completed by December 2008 and the construction of Kosi Bridge including approaches is targeted by March 2010.

Four laning of national highways

†1755. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction work from Jhanjharpur to Phoolparas to Narhia under NH-57 on East-West route to be constructed as four-lane road under National Highways Development Programme in Bihar has started, the progress of which is very slow and from the point of view of quality, the construction work is not being done according to the prescribed norms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) The four laning of Jhanjharpur to Phoolparas to Narhia Section of NH-57 in Bihar under East West Corridor has already been started during March, 2006. In the beginning, pace of progress of work was slow as the contractor was facing difficulties in mobilizing resources. Supervision consultant has been engaged by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for supervising the quality of works in this project by conducting relevant tests and checks as per prescribed norms. Project Director also conducts regular inspection as well as periodic checks for ongoing projects to ensure quality of the works.

Headgear for two wheeler riders in villages

1756. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to legal anomaly in section 129 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, persons living in the small villages,

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